

AUSTIN PATHWAYS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Annual Meeting

**Thursday, April 20, 2023
12:00 PM**

**HACA Central Office, 1124 S. Interstate Highway 35
Austin, TX**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING
TAKE NOTICE OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE AUSTIN PATHWAYS INC.**

**TO BE HELD AT
HACA Central Office, 1124 S. Interstate Highway 35
Austin, TX
(512.477.4488)
Thursday, April 20, 2023
12:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Public Communication (Note: There will be a three-minute time limitation)

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Commissioner and considered at another appropriate time on this agenda. Placement on the Consent Agenda does not limit the possibility of any presentation, discussion, or action at this meeting. Under no circumstances does the Consent Agenda alter any requirements under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the Approval of the Board Minutes Summary for the Board Meeting held on March 24, 2022
2. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 00008: Approval to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Directors during FYE 2023, in order to resolve any irregularities which may have occurred regarding a quorum or vote by the Directors as reflected within the approved minutes and resolution

ACTION ITEMS

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 00009: Election of new Officers for Austin Pathways

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may go into Executive Session (close its meeting to the public) Pursuant to:

- a. 551.071, Texas Gov't Code, consultations with Attorney regarding legal advice, pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer;
- b. 551.072, Texas Gov't Code, discussion about the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property;
- c. 551.074, Texas Gov't Code, discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- d. 551.087, Texas Gov't Code, discuss certain economic development negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

If there is an Executive Session, the Board will return to Open Session for discussion, consideration and possible action of matters discussed in Executive Session.

REPORTS

The Board accepts the following reports:

- President's Report
- Other Staff Reports
- Commissioners' Reports/Questions to the Department Staff

ADJOURNMENT

"Pursuant to 30.06, Penal Code, (trespass by holder of license with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not attend this meeting with a concealed handgun."

"Pursuant to 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by holder of license with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not attend this meeting with a handgun that is carried openly."

"En virtud del 30.06, Código Penal, (traspaso titular de licencia con una pistola), una persona bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411, código de gobierno (Ley de licencia de arma o pistola), no se permiten en esta reunión con una arma o pistola.

"En virtud de 30.07, Código Penal (prevaricación por titular de la licencia con un arma o pistola abiertamente llevado), una persona bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411, código de gobierno (Ley de licencia de arma o pistola), no se permiten en esta reunión con un arma o pistola que lleva abiertamente.

*The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Board of Commissioners reserves the right to discuss and consider items out of order on the agenda on an as needed basis.

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disability Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to the communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Nidia Hiroms at HACA at 512.477.4488, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711. For more information on HACA, please contact Nidia Hiroms at 512.477.4488 x2104.

AUSTIN PATHWAYS
BOARD ACTION REQUEST
ITEM NO. 1.

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2023

STAFF CONTACT: Nidia Hiroms, Executive Assistant

ITEM TITLE: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the Approval of the Board Minutes Summary for the Board Meeting held on March 24, 2022

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

TOTAL COST: N/A

ACTION

The Board is being asked to review and approve the Board Minutes Summary for the Board Meeting held on March 24, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ **032422 Austin Pathways Minutes Summary**

AUSTIN PATHWAYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

AUSTIN PATHWAYS (HACA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE WAS POSTED FOR 12:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022, AND WAS HELD AT THE HACA CENTRAL OFFICE, 1124 S. IH 35, AUSTIN, TX

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Carl S. Richie, Jr., HACA Chairperson called the Board of Directors Annual Board Meeting of Austin Pathways, of March 24, 2022, to order, at 12:20 p.m. The meeting was held at the HACA Central Office, 1124 S. IH 35, Austin, TX

Roll call certified a quorum was present on the call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Apostolou, Chairperson
Dr. Tyra Duncan-Hall, Vice-Chairperson
Edwina Carrington, 2ND Vice-Chairperson
Charles Bailey, Vice-Chairperson
Carl S. Richie, Jr., Director

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

ALSO ON THE CALL:

Wilson Stoker, Cokinos
Bill Walter, Coats Rose

STAFF PRESENT ON THE CALL:

Andrea Galloway, Ann Gass, Barbara Chen, Leilani Lim-Villegas, Lisa Garcia, Michael Cummings, Michael Gerber, Nidia Hiroms, Ron Kowal, Suzanne Schwertner, and Sylvia Blanco

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Public communication was opened up during each item on the agenda. No one provided any communication during any of the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD MATERIALS:

ITEM 1: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the Approval of the Board Minutes Summary for the Board Meeting held on March 26, 2020

Chairperson Apostolou moved the Approval of the Board Minutes Summary for the Board Meeting held on March 26, 2020. **Director Richie** seconded the motion. The motion Passed (5-Ayes and 0-Nays).

ITEM 2: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 00007: Approval to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Directors during FYE 2022, in order to resolve any irregularities which may have occurred regarding a quorum or vote by the Directors as reflected within the approved minutes and resolutions

Upon past advisement of legal counsel, Resolution No. 00007 was drafted to ensure all actions taken by the Board of Directors during FYE 2022 be ratified, thus ensuring resolution of any irregularities during the voting process taken by the Directors. This is an action that is presented for board action on an annual basis.

This Resolution resolves any irregularities in the voting process found in the Board meeting minutes and/or resolutions, and all actions taken during the FYE 2022 by the Board of Directors are fully enforceable.

Chairperson Apostolou moved the Approval of Resolution No. 00007: Approval to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Directors during FYE 2022, in order to resolve any irregularities which may have occurred regarding a quorum or vote by the Directors as reflected within the approved minutes and resolutions. **Director Richie** seconded the motion. The motion Passed (5-Ayes and 0-Nays).

2nd Vice-Chairperson Carrington moved to adjourn the meeting. **Director Richie** seconded the motion. The motion Passed (5-Ayes and 0-Nays).

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Michael G. Gerber, Secretary

Mary Apostolou, Chairperson

AUSTIN PATHWAYS
BOARD ACTION REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO.
ITEM NO. 2.

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2023

STAFF CONTACT: Sylvia C. Blanco, Chief Operating Officer

ITEM TITLE: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 00008: Approval to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Directors during FYE 2023, in order to resolve any irregularities which may have occurred regarding a quorum or vote by the Directors as reflected within the approved minutes and resolution

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

TOTAL COST: N/A

ACTION

The Board is being asked to approve Resolution No. 00008: which ratifies all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, in order to resolve any irregularities which may have occurred regarding a quorum or vote by the Directors as reflected within the approved minutes and resolutions.

SUMMARY

Background:

Upon past advisement of legal counsel, Resolution No. 00008 was drafted to ensure all actions taken by the Board during FYE 2023 be ratified, thus ensuring resolution of any irregularities during the voting process taken by the Directors. This is an action that will be presented for board action on an annual basis.

Process:

This Resolution resolves any irregularities in the voting process found in the Board meeting minutes and/or resolutions, and all actions taken during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year by the Board of Directors are fully enforceable.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution No. 00008 to ratify all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL TO RATIFY ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DURING FYE 2023, IN ORDER TO RESOLVE ANY IRREGULARITIES WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED REGARDING A QUORUM OR VOTE BY THE DIRECTORS AS REFLECTED WITHIN THE APPROVED MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, in the event that there were any irregularities in any action or vote taken by Austin Pathways Board of Directors during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, the Austin Pathways desires to ratify and affirm all of the actions and votes taken by the Board of Directors regardless of the irregularity, as each action and vote taken represents the true intention of a quorum or more of AP's Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to give full legal force and effect to each action or vote of the Board of Directors taken during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year as if each action was taken by a quorum of the board without any irregularity, and therefore, every action taken by the Board of Directors during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year is fully enforceable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Austin Pathways Board of Directors hereby ratifies and affirms all actions and votes taken by the Board of Directors during 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2023.

<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;">Michael G. Gerber, Secretary</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;">Chairperson</div>
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AUSTIN PATHWAYS
BOARD ACTION REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO.
ITEM NO. 3.

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2023

STAFF CONTACT: Sylvia C. Blanco, Chief Operating Officer

ITEM TITLE: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 00009:
Election of new Officers for Austin Pathways

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

TOTAL COST: N/A

ACTION

Motion to approve Resolution No. 00009 approving new Board Officers for positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and 2nd Vice-Chairperson.

SUMMARY

Background:

With the current officer terms expiring at the end of April 2023, and new terms beginning May 1, 2023, it is necessary for the Board to elect new officers for the Austin Pathways Board of Directors. A list of current officers is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ **2023 Austin Pathways Current Officers and Ballot**
- ▣ **Austin Pathways Bylaws**

RESOLUTION NO.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE AUSTIN PATHWAYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the HACA Scholarship Foundation DBA Austin Pathways, has established bylaws for its operations;

WHEREAS, Article 3 Directors, Section 1, states that the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which will consist of no less than five (5) members of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin or their successors.

WHEREAS, the Officers of the Board of Directors for Austin Pathways will consist of: (1) Chairperson; (2) Vice-Chairperson; (2) Second Vice-Chairperson

WHEREAS, Article 3 Directors, Section 6, states vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist upon: (a) the death, resignation, or removal of any Director; (b) an increase in the authorized number of Directors. If vacancies should occur for either of these two reasons, positions will be filled by the person designated to appoint candidates to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors for the Austin Pathways approves new Board Officers for the positions of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and 2nd Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson _____

Vice-Chairperson _____

2nd Vice-Chairperson _____

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2023.

<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 0;">Michael G. Gerber, Secretary</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 0; text-align: right;">Chairperson</div>
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Austin Pathways
Board of Directors

Election of Officers
April 20, 2023

Current Officers

Chairperson: Mary Apostolou
Vice-Chairperson: Tyra Duncan-Hall
2nd Vice-Chairperson: Edwina Carrington

Chairperson: _____
Nominated by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Vice-Chair: _____
Nominated by: _____
Seconded by: _____

2nd Vice-Chair: _____
Nominated by: _____
Seconded by: _____

APPROVED:

Chairperson: _____
Vice-Chairperson: _____
2nd Vice-Chairperson: _____

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which will consist of no less than five (5) members of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin or their successors.

SECTION 2. POWERS

The business and affairs of the Corporation and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of this state and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the Directors to:

- a) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws;
- b) Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the corporation.
- c) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly;
- d) Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;
- e) Register their address with the Secretary of the Corporation, and notices of meetings mailed or telegraphed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

SECTION 4. ACTION BY CONSENT OF BOARD WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, and with the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of Directors, if all members of the Board consent in writing to the action. Such consent may be given individually or collectively.

SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE

Directors shall be entitled to hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.

SECTION 6. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist upon: (a) the death, resignation, or removal of any Director; (b) an increase in the authorized number of Directors. If vacancies should occur for either of these two reasons, positions will be filled by the person designated to appoint candidates to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

SECTION 7. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

The entire Board of Director or any individual Director may be removed from office if the Director ceases to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.